

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State service projects which are designed to improve the quality of life of children and adults who struggle on a daily basis with special needs or limitations; and

Whereas, Skyway Farm near Troy has offered since 2000 a full camping experience for people in the St. Louis metropolitan area who are disabled, at risk, needy, or special; and

Whereas, sponsored by Rotary Club 11 of St. Louis, Skyway Farm became a major service project in 1988 when Rotary President Oscar Naes, President-elect Bob Stupp, Rotarian Ned Lips, Jr., and the entire membership voted to accept title to the 200-acre site; and

Whereas, Skyway Farm's existence can be traced to 1945 when Webster Groves Rotarian Elmer E. Marx purchased the land as a vacation hideaway from his construction business and then transformed his holdings through the addition of a manor house, barns, and a grass airstrip; and

Whereas, the "Skyway" portion of the Skyway Farm name was derived from both the presence of the airstrip and the site's location on the highest point in Lincoln County with a breathtaking view of the Mississippi River Valley; and

Whereas, Rotary Skyway Foundation, Incorporation, was formed to operate and develop the farm in accordance with the Mission Statement, "To Provide and Financially Support a Charitable, Benevolent, Educational and Recreational Facility for the People of our Community including the Underprivileged, Handicapped, Gifted and Elderly"; and

Whereas, today's Skyway Farm is headed by a full-time camp director who oversees the accommodations for forty-eight persons in three cabins and another eighteen in the Manor and a recreational program that includes basketball, archery, fishing, volleyball, hiking trails, hayrides, a fire ring, a playground, a ropes course, and a beach:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of Skyway Farm and to convey to the officers and members of Rotary Club 11 in St. Louis this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their visionary leadership and unparalleled labors in operating Skyway Farm for the benefit of others in the metropolitan area; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Skyway Farm near Troy, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker